

## CALLING A BLUFF BROUGHT ON WORLD WAR

The security this country enjoys without a great army and navy is the most profound argument for peace one nation has ever offered another, and it is an argument that should not be refuted lightly," says E. W. Howe, in an editorial in the National Sunday Magazine, for which he received \$5 cents a word. "For if a citizen may live his life without killing a man, a nation may exist without these disastrous experiments in statesmanship. Patriotism is a fine thing about which most men become excited, as the difficult thing about war is not to prove that it is the greatest failure, but to keep out of it. When the Germans and Frenchmen were singing war songs, and cheering bulletins displayed in front of newspaper offices prior to the war, the other second thought would have done as much for them as it may do for us now. However brave and capable a fighter a man may be, he hopes his blurt will win without the necessity of making it good. Probably future history will agree in laying the blame for the present trouble in Europe to the excited and exaggerated patriotism of Austria-Hungary.

When dealing with a weaker antagonist. And perhaps all history cannot show a case where calling a bluff resulted in equally terrible consequences; no nation knows just how much of a horrore test it is stirring up when a bluff is called. The people, as well as statesmen and editors, have a right to occasionally revel in big boasts, and if the people demand intervention President Wilson should know they are not entirely to be earned; that they expect him to hold them. They may ask in public that Woodrow is too timid, but they will command him in private for being safe and conservative, and insist that one objection to Theodore Roosevelt has always been that he, not only won't hold an oil, wants to engage in the fight himself. The war debt of France before the present war began was \$300 per family; such French families paid \$75 a year war costs. In a while over the French government paid off one out of its ordinary revenues for war purposes. And think of the debt now being added, and of the greatly reduced number of Frenchmen who must pay it. Imagine what such figures are in France, consider that we pay more than to France—or 67 per cent. We haven't an argument.

war as the French, but everything costs more in this country than abroad. We may be willing to shed our blood in the interest of civilization, but can we afford to give the politicians another opportunity to be reasonably lavish in the matter of war expenses?"

## AN ACCEPTED RULE IN MAKING FRIENDS

A man is always trying to make friends. And, says E. W. Howe, it is the belief of most people that it is allowable to make friends by means of hypocrisy.

I have no business to improve, I do not try to fool any man. I wish under all circumstances to be polite and fair, and as agreeable as a gentleman should be, but I dislike to crowd politeness. A man who is exclusively polite to me because he hopes to secure my "trade" annoys me as much as a man who is gruffer than a gentleman should be. A man should be polite because it is the duty of a gentleman, and not of it is not, or for his business than too much of it.

There is no unkindly street-corner argument.

## PUT IT IN WRITING IS GOOD ADVICE

"When dat uppity nillie man tried to write a spit wid me," stated old Brother Chuddyhump, "by gosh, if de world is round, like some folks say, why de dunces don't go up in yo' yudder side drop off, I says to him, 'Put it in writing, son; den putt it in writing, and I'll consider yo' disfuntion.' And dat nillie took de dog out his blanket. Decked-out ignorant slobber hasn't write, and I can't read, if he could. If he would write and I could read it wouldn't un-inteligated him to putt it in writing, although I don't know de answer no mor' than he does!"

Uncle Chet Thomas used to say that it was better to walk 20 miles and talk it than to write it letter. Old Jimmy Buchanan had something of the same kind along about the same time Jimmie, perhaps, phrased it from Ober. But, nevertheless, while it is a good thing for the party of the second part to be a "bold-knife" about putting it in writing it is an excellent thing for the party of the first part to get him to do so.

In the first place it puts the matter before the world in a shape that there can be no contention about the terms of the proposition.

In the second place it often will either the wild party of the second part to express the matter clearly and will embarrass him seriously, and

In the third place the party of the first part can take the writer off by himself and neglect to read it.

Whole your argument gets you to a corner or is in danger of getting into a corner just invite him to put it in writing—Tannerworth Times.

## UNKNOWN RUNS AWAY FROM FIELD OF FAVORITES

The poorest magazine I know was seen in the issue of Hearst's for January, 1914. Yet its list of contributions includes many of the greatest names in art, literature, science, law, church, George, Randolph, Chester, Winston Churchill, Government, Mississ., Daniel W. Chambers, Horatio, Irving, Arthur, Brinsford, and "Mr. Don-der." The contributions were written hurriedly by famous men to take advantage of their reputations. The first name of a magazine I have seen lately was the National Geographic Magazine for November, 1914. Every line of it was written by one man, the author, Gilbert H. Grosvenor, a man who has written on both sides, and whose name is well known throughout the illustrations were reproductions of photographs and very subjective descriptions of Charles Drama, Groom, a man who has explored the Amazon River. There are plenty of interesting and capable men outside of the favorites—in fact,

Johnson, Weatherby, a colored man, called as an expert witness in Missouri county district court, testified that his experience in chicken-rearing was based on his own personal knowledge of the business, and that the office will be unable to get any information from him. The doors always were delivered promptly. Paul might have gone on indefinitely but for the foresight of a Captain near Lake Superior. This Farmer had a large number of selected chickens, other farmers in his vicinity had been looting their chickens, so this particular Farmer imagined his chickens could not be taken with an electric burglar alarm. One night last November he was awakened by the alarm ringing in his bedroom. Catching up his shotgun he soon found from bed to the door. He stood ready at a door, a Negro, who dropped a sack of his chicken-chicken. The farmer looked around in the moonlight and found the door apparently broken. The Negro ran through the door. He also found a light-weight covered wagon in the stable, prepared to be loaded with his chickens. The farmer then took his shotgun and went outside. He saw the Negro riding away with his chickens.

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## HE WAS A FINE, DANDY CHICKEN THIEF

The Kansas City Star devoted nearly a column to A. F. Poole, the dandy chicken stealer. In Kansas City Poole was known as W. T. Young, E. A. Franklin and A. F. Poole, and was a man of temperament, and had several women on his list. The Star says: "And just try to imagine, please, the exercise it was to the two good looking, fashionably dressed women who presided over the two South Side apartment houses where Poole, the prosperous poultry dealer," pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing chickens late Monday morning. To say nothing of the shock it was to numerous friends in the two social circles in which he moved and to business associates in the poultry trade. In September, 1914, he was arrested at Los Alamos for stealing chickens, fined \$100 and given 6 months in jail. In Kansas City, it was as W. T. Young that this extraordinary "son of a bitch" served a term in the Kansas state prison in 1895 for stealing chickens. After which he presumably returned and became A. F. Poole, operator for a large poultry firm. And as such he was known generally in Kansas City. A. F. Poole was a man of temperament. He loved beautiful women and supported 12, he was fond of his horses and maintained 2 on Kansas City's South Side. He was unusually kind and kept a piano and Victrola in each home. He enjoyed eating in finer restaurants and had several. He enjoyed society and moved in 2 different social sets; always he was artistic and made symphonies competitive like stealing chickens is art. He was a model husband, neither using intoxicating liquors, vulgar in any form, nor profane language. He adored his wives and after admiring them, he tried to keep them well dressed and wearing diamonds, and saw that they were plentifully supplied with money to buy them. Poole posed as the representative of a large poultry house at Wichita, Kan. His business went from away from his home about 1½ years ago, and he has been about 1½ years out of town. He was previously engaged in traveling for the firm. Communication with the market knew him in that role and often bought large numbers of chickens from him. The doors always were delivered promptly. Poole might have gone on indefinitely but for the foresight of a Captain near Lake Superior. This Farmer had a large number of selected chickens, other farmers in his vicinity had been looting their chickens, so this particular Farmer imagined his chickens could not be taken with an electric burglar alarm. One night last November he was awakened by the alarm ringing in his bedroom. Catching up his shotgun he soon found from bed to the door. He stood ready at a door, a Negro, who dropped a sack of his chicken-chicken. The farmer looked around in the moonlight and found the door apparently broken. The Negro ran through the door. He also found a light-weight covered wagon in the stable, prepared to be loaded with his chickens.

The farmers have invented what is called a bullet-wagon, with which to sell the country roads. They use the two hind wheels of a wagon to which is attached a box about three by seven feet. This two-wheeled cart usually can be drawn by two horses or the bottomless roads. One of the finest sights ever seen in Sabbath was that of Truman Kerr and Frank Miller who started from home Saturday afternoon with a basket in their cart box. It was a pretty good start on a Sabbath eve, Sabbath Herald.

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## George Washington—"Father of His Country"

EVERY AMERICAN knows that without "Immortal Washington" our National Independence would have been impossible. Few, however, know that the greatest battle of Washington's life was fought to secure for his countrymen the Constitution of the United States. Almost immediately after the Revolution it seemed that all the great sacrifice of blood and treasure had been in vain. The original thirteen states refused to work in harmony, either in spirit or in law. The new Republic was tottering to its foundations. At this critical period in American history the most brilliant men of each state met in convention and unanimously elected Washington as president — undoubtedly the most momentous gathering of its kind the world has ever known. Here he displayed as great ability as a lawmaker as he had as a warrior. For months the Fathers of the Republic labored, and finally adopted our present National Law, which forever guarantees Religious, Commercial and Personal Liberty. This was in 1787. Seventy years later Anheuser-Busch established their great institution on the terms of the Federal law which Washington did so much to create. Like all of the great men of his time, he was a moderate user of good old barley brews. For three generations Anheuser-Busch have brewed honest malt and hop beers. To day 7500 people are daily employed to keep pace with the ever-increasing public demand. The great popularity of their famous brand—BUDWEISER—due to quality, purity, mildness and exquisite flavor, has made its sales exceed those of any other beer by millions of bottles.

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# Vote for the Public School Bonds

## Election Saturday, April 24, 1915

Every citizen of the school district of St. Joseph should take an active interest in its public schools. It is necessary that this bond election carry to bring our schools up to the proper standard and to provide all the children of the district with needed educational facilities.

Nearly two thousand children in the district at this time are compelled to attend school in buildings and rooms which are not fit, when the health and general welfare of the child is considered.

Nearly one thousand children in the district are unable to attend school more than one-half of each day because of the lack of school room.

Our present Central High School was built to accommodate about 600 pupils. At this time nearly 1,000 children are crowded into that building. A new high school is necessary in the north part of the city to enable dozens of children in the north part of the district to secure a High School education, of which they are now deprived because of the great distance they have to go and the crowded condition of Central High. By the shifting of boundary lines, this new High School will relieve the over crowded condition at Central High School.

Several of our older school buildings, including the Central High School building, need to be remodeled and made fireproof, to make them safe and sanitary.

**This bond issue does not raise the school taxes. We vote at this election to keep the present tax rate in force for the next two years.**

Every voter should consider the interests of the children and go to the polls on April 24th and vote for this bond issue, and secure for the children of the district, the much needed improvements.

**None of these improvements can be made unless this bond issue carries.**

## The St. Joseph Board of Education